(b) As the items of manufacture were non-Appendix-I items of M/s. Indian Organic Chemicals Limited in an MRTP Company, an export obligation was imposed.

(c) Foreign collaboration covers all the items of manufacture by M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited and hence no particular item has been singled out for fulfilment of the export obligation.

Change in the Import Policy to Suit Pepsico Needs

1827. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1429 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to alter the import policy to suit Pepsi-Co's import needs;

(b) whether the list of imports that are required by the Pepsi project have been made available to the Ministry;

(c) whether local industries have been asked as to which of the required items can be produced domestically; and

(d) which items are likely to be imported by the Pepsi-Co project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOO DPROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Punjab Agro Industries Corporation has since submitted an application for import of capital goods to the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports. The prescribed procedure will be followed in processing the Capital goods application.

National Policy regarding Beggary

1828. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government propose to evolve a National policy to solve the problem of beggary?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): A suggestion made in this regard is under examination.

Ruling of Bombay High Court regarding Telecasting of Censored or Distorted Views

1829. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2251 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what corrective measures are to be taken if the interviewed person complain of violation of the ruling of the Bombay High Court, dated June 26, 1988 by Doordarshan's distortion of his views through deletions of certain aspects of his views; and

(b) the procedure thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The ruling of the Hon'ble Court delivered on 21.6.88 has been noted carefully for future guidance and compliance. While editing interviews etc. used in various programmes, due care is taken by Doordarshan to avoid distortion of the views of the persons interviewed. The substance of what the interviewee says in recordings is retained subject to the need for maintaining balance in a programme and also to keep it within the prescribed time frame.

Import of Edible Oil

1830. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country will import about 1.2 million tonnes of edible oil during the current year;

(b) if so, what was the edible oil imported during the year 1987 and to what extent it was more in comparison with the last year; and

(c) what was the total amount spent on importing edible oil during the last year and how much has been spent so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The quantum of edible oil imported is decided from time to time keeping in view various factors such as, prices of edible oils in the international market, availability of indigenous oils in the open market, demand from States/UTs. etc.

(b) and (c) The edible oils are imported on an oil-year basis, that is from November to October each year. The quantity imported and its value during oil-year 1986-87 and 1987-88 is as under:—

Oil year	Qty. imported	Value
(Nov.-Oct.)	(in MTs.)	(Rs. in crores)
1986-87 . .	14.97	667.67
1987-88 . .	18.19 (Prov.)	1061.04 (Prov.)

सूखे के कारण हुआ नुकसान

1881. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या कृषि मंत्री 4 नवम्बर, 1988 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 387 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1987 के वर्ष में राज्यों में सूखे के कारण कितने रुपये मूल्य की फसलें नष्ट हुई ;

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार को सूखा राहत अभियान के संबंध में उत्तर प्रदेश, मध्य प्रदेश और राजस्थान से कितनी शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई ; और

(ग) सरकार ने उन पर अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में उर्वरक विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० प्रभु) : (क) 15 राज्यों और 6 संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों में 1987 सूखे के दौरान सूखे से प्रभावित हुआ कुल सस्यगत क्षेत्र 586 लाख हैक्टेयर था । सूखे द्वारा प्रभावित सस्यगत क्षेत्र के संबंध में ही सूचना रखी जाती है ।

(ख) और (ग) सूखा सहित प्राकृतिक आपदाओं के आने पर सभी राहत कार्यों के निष्पादन के लिए प्रारम्भिक जिम्मेदारी राज्य सरकारों की है । इसलिए प्रशासन राहत उपायों के संबंध में प्राप्त शिकायतों को उचित उपचारात्मक कार्यवाही के लिए संबंधित राज्य सरकारों को भेजा जाता है ।

Action Plan to Achieve Foodgrains Production Target

1832. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Action Plan to achieve 175 million tonnes of foodgrains production target by 1989-90; and

(b) how are the State Governments involved to implement the Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The action Plan strategy to achieve 175 million tonnes of foodgrain production target by 1989-90 includes:

1. increase in fertilizer use by 20 kg. of nutrients per hectare;

2. use of improved high yielding varieties of seeds;

3. better management of weeds and timely control of pests and diseases;

4. harnessing ground-water through tubewells, completing on-farm development works in command areas, completing near-completion irrigation projects and efficient use of stored water;